

it was only logical that seven years ago we would work together to start this Caucus. This year we welcomed two new Senate Co-Chairs, Senator KLOBUCHAR and Senator BURR who are going to be shepherding this important legislation on the Senate side. I know they share our concerns with E911 service and understand the unique importance of ensuring this technology will expand to the areas that need it most.

Moving forward to "Next Generation 9-1-1" is one of the most important aspects of our legislation. Encouraging rural communities like Illinois' 19th district to invest in these critical technologies is what our Caucus and this legislation are hoping to achieve. My goal, along with my Caucus Co-Chairs is to bring attention for the need for true interoperability in these call centers and ensure that all Americans can have access to these critical emergency services.

Finally, one of the most important parts of our bill is to correct the problem of states diverting their 9-1-1 funds to support other programs. The Next Generation 9-1-1 Preservation Act prevents states that divert funds from receiving the grants in the legislation. In tough economic times I can see how it would be tempting for states to reach into 911 funds but we simply cannot allow these important tax dollars to be used for something other than critical 911 services.

I am proud to be an original sponsor of this legislation and look forward to working with my good friend Representative ESHOO and my Senate Co-Chairs on getting this legislation signed into law.

#### RECOGNIZING LESTER A. STUMPE

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 12, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Lester A. Stumpe, an engineer with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for nearly 3 decades. As an engineer, Lester played a key role in protecting the rivers and streams in northeast Ohio. I am saddened to learn that Lester died on Sunday, March 7 after a 5-year struggle with cancer.

Lester Stumpe had more than 30 years of experience designing and directing a variety of efforts to protect and enhance our water resources. He conducted numerous large-scale multifaceted facilities planning and watershed studies. In total, he directed or managed more than \$20 million in engineering and technical studies that have resulted in several hundred million dollars in constructed projects.

Lester served on a variety of boards and committees to further environmental and infrastructure goals in the Greater Cleveland area. Through his studies and activities, Lester has greatly contributed to our knowledge and protection efforts of both West Creek and Mill Creek, major tributaries to the Cuyahoga River.

Lester was passionately concerned for the streams and watershed areas of Northeast Ohio. His job title was NEORS's "Manager of Watershed Programs, Policy and Technical Support." But for Lester, this was much more than a job or title. Protecting our region's watersheds was Lester's life mission. Even while

battling cancer, Lester lit up with enthusiasm when he communicated his ideas about how to make the Cleveland area's watersheds cleaner and more habitable to the species meant to live there, including the human species.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Lester and expressing condolences to his wife, Marcia Mauter, his children Meagan, Melissa and Justin Mauter, his mother Dorothy, his sister Ruth Tofle, and the many friends, relatives, and colleagues who mourn his loss.

#### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

##### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 4, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I was unable to make the vote on H.R. 2847 due to the untimely death and funeral of one of my staffers' father.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "Nay." If there is one thing the American people agree upon it's that major changes are necessary in order to dig ourselves out of this spending quagmire. The American people want us to reform our spending practices so that our economy can be prosperous once again.

The irony of this "Jobs" bill is that it includes a net tax revenue increase of \$14.3 billion, which will force employers to cut jobs in order to pay more money to the federal government. Strangely, the Democrats attempt to give a tax break to small businesses on one hand but then take away with the other.

This legislation also includes another short-term extension of the highway authorization. Instead of continuing with short-term extensions of transportation funding, Congress needs to enact a meaningful, 6-year surface transportation funding bill.

Today, I introduced the Keeping American Businesses Competitive Act. This legislation would lower the top business tax rate from 35 percent to 22 percent. The United States currently has the second highest corporate tax rate of any industrialized nation, putting American workers and businesses at a huge competitive disadvantage. Rather than the Democrat "solution" of increasing taxes to address job loss, lowering the corporate tax rate will actually put people back to work. According to the Milken Institute, lowering the rate to 22 percent would "create an additional 350,000 manufacturing jobs and increase total employment by 2.13 million."

If this Congress is serious about getting Americans back to work, it should focus its efforts on proven, free-market principles that will level the playing field for our businesses to compete and keep capital and jobs here in the U.S.

For the above reasons, I oppose this bill.

#### HONORING DR. RITA BORNSTEIN'S CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

##### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 12, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. This month, I would like to recognize a few of the phenomenal women from central Florida who are making a distinguished contribution to my district, the great State of Florida, and to our nation as a whole. Today, I honor Dr. Rita Bornstein. Dr. Bornstein's commitment to education and her service as the first female president of Rollins College from 1990 to 2004 was trailblazing. Her distinguished leadership throughout her time at Rollins serves as a model to her unwavering dedication to her students, the university and her overall educational ideals.

Under President Bornstein's leadership, Rollins focused on strengthening its commitment to excellence, innovation, and community. Standards were raised for faculty evaluation, student selectivity, and all aspects of administration. Average SAT scores for entering arts and sciences students rose more than 65 points, and Rollins' place in U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings of "America's Best Colleges" climbed from No. 6 regional university in the South to No. 2, and No. 1 in Florida. That trajectory has continued—Rollins is currently No. 1 in the South. Innovation was encouraged and rewarded, and programs were added in film studies, international business, and sustainable development, as well as the signature Rollins College Conference for first-year students. The college's commitment to building strong communities was enhanced through programs of intellectual discourse, civic engagement, international study, and service learning.

In addition to raising the education standards and national acclaim of Rollins College, President Bornstein also oversaw Rollins' most ambitious fundraising effort. Widely considered to have transformed the college, The Campaign For Rollins secured \$160.2 million, providing support for academic programs, scholarships, faculty chairs, and facilities, and significantly strengthening the college's financial health. Thanks to the generosity of donors, including the largest gift in Rollins' history—alumnus George Cornell's \$93.3-million bequest—and astute financial management, the college's endowment more than quintupled during Bornstein's presidency.

In 2001, she was named to the George D. and Harriet W. Cornell Chair of Distinguished Presidential Leadership when Rollins received a \$10-million gift for the first endowment of a college presidency in the nation. At the conclusion of her 14-year presidency, she was named president emerita and appointed to the George D. and Harriet W. Cornell Chair of Philanthropy and Leadership Development. As a recognized leader in higher education, Dr. Rita Bornstein regularly consults on issues of leadership, governance, and fundraising in the nonprofit sector. She is also the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters and two books, including *Legitimacy in the Academic Presidency: From Entrance to Exit*, published in 2003.